



Read it yourself with Ladybird

# Anansi and the Sky God



Level  
**2**









# Note to parents, carers and teachers

*Read it yourself* is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

## Ideas for use

- Begin by looking through the book and talking about the pictures. Has your child heard this story before?
- Help your child with any words he does not know, either by helping him to sound them out or supplying them yourself.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions at the end of the book will help with understanding.

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**Level 2** is ideal for children who have received some reading instruction and can read short, simple sentences with help.

**Special features:**

Frequent repetition of main story words and phrases

Short, simple sentences



Large, clear type

Careful match between story and pictures





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# Anansi and the Sky God



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Once, the Sky God had all the stories in the world.

Anansi was a clever little spider. He wanted the stories for everyone in the world.









So Anansi went up to see  
the Sky God.

“Can I have all your  
stories?” he said.









“Get me the leopard,  
the fairy and the  
hornets, and then you  
can have all my stories,”  
the Sky God said.









So Anansi went to see  
the leopard.

“Come and play!” said  
Anansi. “I will tie you up,  
then you can tie me up!”









The little spider tied  
up the leopard.

“Let me down now,”  
said the leopard.

But Anansi would not  
let him down.

And that is how Anansi  
caught the leopard.









Then Anansi made a doll.  
He made the doll sticky.

The fairy stuck to the  
sticky doll.

And that is how Anansi  
caught the fairy.









Then Anansi went to see  
the hornets.

He tipped water over the  
hornets' house.

“It’s raining! It’s raining!”  
said Anansi.

The hornets came out  
of the house.









“Come in here,”  
said Anansi, “and you  
will not get wet!”

So in they went.

And that is how Anansi  
caught the hornets.









So now, clever little Anansi  
had got all the things the  
Sky God had wanted.









Anansi went up to see  
the Sky God.

“I have caught the  
leopard, the fairy  
and the hornets for  
you,” he said.









“You are a clever little spider!” said the Sky God.  
“Here are all my stories.”









So that is how Anansi  
got stories for everyone  
in the world.

And this is one of them.









How much do you remember about the story of Anansi and the Sky God? Answer these questions and find out!

- What does Anansi want from the Sky God?
- What does the Sky God ask Anansi to do?
- How does Anansi catch the leopard?
- What does Anansi do to the hornets' nest?





Look at the pictures and match them  
to the story words.

stories

leopard

fairy

hornets

Anansi



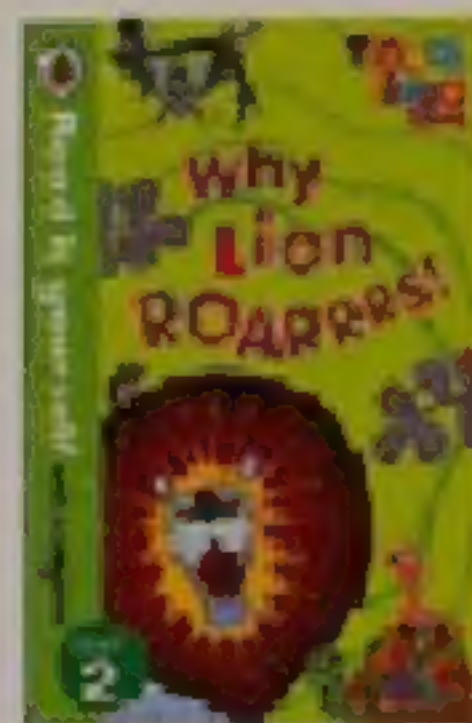


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Tick the books you've read!

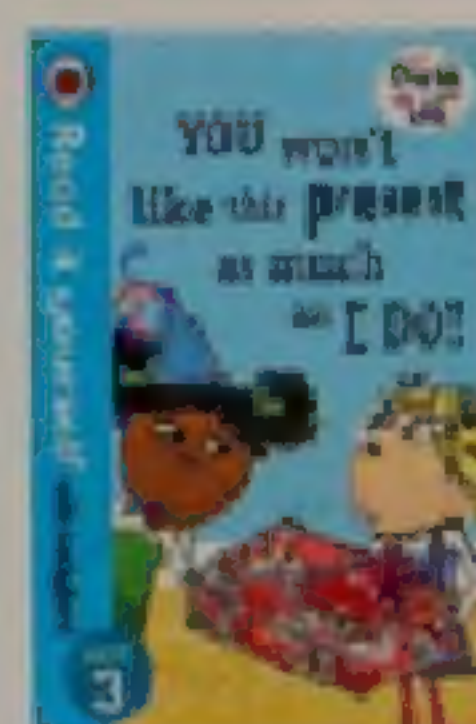
For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

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For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

Level  
3



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App also available on Android devices









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The Sky God has all of the world's stories.  
Find out how the brave little spider Anansi  
gets them for everyone to share.

Read it yourself is a series of character stories  
and traditional tales, written in a simple way for  
children who are learning to read.

## Level 1

For children who are ready to take their  
first steps in reading.

For beginner readers who can read  
short, simple sentences with help.

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## Level 3

For more confident readers who can read  
simple stories with help.

## Level 4

Longer stories for more independent,  
fluent readers.



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